GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) airport at Bangalore is going to be closed on account of the construction of Bangalore International Airport at Devanhalli;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken stock of the aviation boom and the huge increase in air traffic in the last few years and the likelihood congestion in air traffic due to the proposed closure of HAL airport; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. In considering the proposal for setting up a Greenfield airport at Devanahalli, Bangalore, the Government had decided to close the existing Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) airport for commercial operations, once the new airport become operational.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Bangalore International Airport Limited has again conducted the traffic forecast recently and based on this forecast, in the first phase, the new Bangalore International Airport at Devanahalli is designed to handle the traffic for the year 2015.